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In re Application of :  
Reeves, et. al : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 09/862,542 :  
Filed: May 22, 2001 :  
Docket No.: STEV-109 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b),  
filed March 20, 2006.

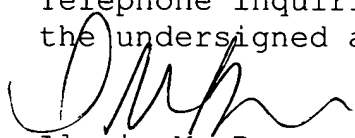
This application became abandoned January 28, 2006 for failure  
to timely submit a proper reply to the Notice of Allowance  
(Notice) mailed October 27, 2005. This decision precedes Notice  
of Abandonment.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be  
accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office  
action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee  
as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the  
entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for  
the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to  
37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal  
disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required  
pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance  
with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). Accordingly, the  
failure to timely submit a proper reply to the Notice is  
accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application will be forwarded to the Office of Patent  
Publication for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

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